THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The Government at various levels takes continuous steps to improve quality of education and achievement levels of students. Some of the important initiatives being implemented currently include renewal and improvement of primary school textbooks in their approach to learning, content and presentation, large scale teachers training in activity based and competency based pedagogy, setting up block and cluster resource centres to provide support to teachers.

(b) and (c) While no national level survey has been conducted, learner achievement tests have been carried out in mathematics and languages under District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) which covers 273 districts in the country. Both Mid-term Assessment Survey in DPEP Phase-I and II and Terminal Assessment Survey in DPEP Phase-I show significant improvement.

AICTE approved engineering colleges in Orissa

1109. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number AICTE approved engineering colleges functioning in Orissa;

(b) the number of seats in different disciplines; and

(c) the number of engineering colleges declared as 'A' grade colleges in the country and in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As per the information furnished by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), there are 39 AICTE approved engineeing colleges functioning in the State in Orissa.

(b) The number of seats in different disciplines approved by AICTE in engineering colleges in the State of Orissa is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) AICTE does not accord any grading to engineering colleges.

Statement

Number of seats in different disciplines approved by AICTE in Engineering Colleges in the State of Orissa

Sl. No	Discipline	Approved Intake
1.	Applied Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering	30
2.	Bio-Technology	40
3.	Ceramic Engineering	30
4.	Chemical Engineering	170
5.	Civil Engineering	295
6.	Computer Science & Engineering	2115
7.	Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering	1320
8.	Electrical Engineering	1255
9.	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	240
10.	Electronics & Communication Engineering	540
11.	Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering	270
12.	Electronics & Engineering	60
13.	Fashion Technology	30
14.	Information Technology	1605
15.	Instrumentation & Electronics Engineering	90
16.	Manufacturing Science	30
17.	Mechanical Engineering	1140
18.	Metallurgical Engineering	70
19.	Mining Engineering	65
20	Textile Engineering	40
	TOTAL	9435